

Napa District 11
Panel 74 General Service Meeting
Via Zoom 860-5600 2397 -PW 060455
10:00AM – 12:00AM
September 7, 2024 Minutes

I. Opening of meeting: Serenity Prayer

II. Introductions, New GSR's, Alternates, and visitors, Birthdays

Sandy - DCMC Jeff D - Web editor Micheal M - Literature Chair Nell - GSR Freethinkers
Elizabeth B - Alt DCMC Kevin - ??? Matt H - GSR Newcomers Jason A - FOC Chair
Laura K - DCM 01 Joe T - DCM 03 Duncan L - GSR Joe's Group
Jackie B - Assembly Co-ordinator Thom H - DCM 02

III. GSRs – 90 seconds– share about your group / check in / Questions

IV. Volunteers for the month of October GSR Report Back, Tradition 10 and Concept 10

GSR Report Back - Jo M
Tradition 10 - Nell
Concept 10 - Jeff

V. Tradition 9: [Duncan] AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

VI. Concept 9: [Michael] Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

VII. Approval of:

Minutes – August 2024 (missing) to be submitted and approved in October

VIII. Upcoming Dates to remember:

Fall Election Assembly – November 9th – Cornerstone Fellowship of Livermore, CA

We will be doing electronic voting, so a phone will be needed. Each panel is two years and we elect on odd years. This is an odd year so we will be electing area officers and a delegate.

IX. District Job Descriptions:

Unity Day Chair - (Sandy) During the time they are chair they will attend district meetings and chair the various meetings to make Unity Day happen. As soon as a delegate for the area is elected I ask for their availability asap because we need them to visit and share their report. They also get the volunteers such as coffee maker, decorations, setup and tear down ect.

Accessibilities Chair - (Thom) I am the chair for our area as well. The topic is very broad and we are doing work to specify it. From physical to emotional safety to open and welcoming for people with physical limitations, overcoming language barriers. Should attend area meetings as well as hold meetings locally. It a huge learning opportunity and a new service position.

Intergroup Liaison - (Jason A) Act as the conduit between Intergroup and District meetings. It adds up to two Saturdays a month but you get to see how both sides operate.

H&I Liaison - (John K) Absent

NAPYPAA Liaison - (Derek) Attends the NAPYPAA meeting on the last Wednesday of the month as well as the District meeting and acts as a conduit. It is pretty rewarding learning how to wrangle young alcoholics but rewarding to see them organize themselves into a service entity that runs a bit

like the district meeting does.

X. Financial Oversight Committee Update [Budget 2025 update]- Duncan Lange

August was a very busy month. We were able to have a meeting to go over guidelines. Still waiting for numbers to come in to make a compilation of them to bring to you all. We have been looking at multiple venues for hosting an assembly in the future. Sandy has recruited District 18 to do food. We will be finishing up our District budget for approval in October.

Elizabeth - What is the assembly?

Duncan - It will be an inventory for the Area.

XI. Assembly Bid for Fall Assembly Update – Duncan Lange

XII. Meeting in a Pocket – to get copies contact Sandy (707.363.0720) OR Jeff D (510.384.0731) for copies

Sandy keeps these in her car and is willing to meet up to pass them out

XIII. Assembly Motions: There are no new Area or Assembly Motions.

XIV. Visiting Area Officer – Jackie B, Assembly Coordinator. Presentation on: “How to use the Final 2024 Conference Report”.

I just learned yesterday that our Delegate received the hard copies of the Final Report. There is not a right or wrong way to read this but it does depend on what your goal is. We already received some of the most important information from our Delegates report. One thing I do is just to let my group have it available so they know all they have to do is ask me about it. The table of contents is very useful as it has all of the motions that were discussed and voted on. These are all advisory actions as they do not have the legal power to make the board do anything but, the board has always followed suggestions. What are additional committee considerations? The meeting starts with each committee meeting with themselves to discuss motions that have been brought up and decide how and if they get brought to the conference. Some motions end at this meeting, such as the asian american pamphlet this year. It got brought up as a floor action which are motions that come up on the fly or get used to revive things that have only made it to the committee. A lot of people like the graphs for sales and contributions to check that AA is financially healthy. I like to read the keynote address as it does a nice summary of what happened this year in AA and what the general feel of what is going on at the conference. You can of course read it front to back but, I like to pop around and read only what is pertinent to my and my group's interests. I think there is a value in not being the best GSR in the world and just giving the most adequate service and in so doing “just get the job done” as the fear of making mistakes stops us from doing the job. In this case I would hold up this report and tell them that it has a summary of everything that happened at the conference and is available for reference. If you try to deluge your group with too much info you might find that they vote to stop having GSR reports. I love being able to look back to reports in the past because it enables us to learn what has happened and what we have tried to do in the past, overcoming obstacles.

Jeff - Thank you for being so adequate! In my experience, the group wants to know specifically what happened to the thing we voted on and that info can be hard to find

Jackie - If you go to cnca06.org or ask your DCMC what happened. I don't think this report is written for the average AA to understand what is going on and that is why we have a delegate and other general service people to read, understand and explain to their groups. There is also too much information that comes down from this conference and this report has literally everything that happens and is honestly too much so, it the the right and responsibility for the delegate, DCMC, and GSR's to filter out what needs to be passed on.

Micheal - I got out of this to read this with your service sponsor.

Jackie - I had a hard time with the concepts but reading them with a service sponsor/ sponsee as different aspects come out of every reading. I am a huge nerd but don't expect everyone to have the same enthusiasm when learning about what is going on. I had a DCMC once tell me that they did not want to go above and beyond like myself but they did show up and do a good job, taking their

role very seriously.

Joe T - I have found a talk by Sybil that you referenced and shared it with service sponsee's before working with them.

XV. Break and Seventh Tradition – PayPal – gsdistrict11@gmail.com

12:13 - 12: 23

Sandy - Jeff is screensharing aanapa.org under service has a quick link to conference information and later will have the PDF of the final report.

XVI. Officer Reports:

DCMC - (Sandy) (written) I talked about the Fall assembly, attended all area meetings. In the DCM sharing session is that San Francisco and other districts are trying out an app to post information from their district such as flyers for events. Dan B spoke on the spirit of rotation and I took notes on the app in my written report.

Alt. DCMC PI/CPC - (Elisabeth) Health Fair at Health and Human services will need volunteers so please contact me and share with your groups

DCM 01

DCM 02

Treasurer (Devyn)

Recording Secretary (Derek)

Registrar (Jo M) Only that there is one hero who has volunteered someone interested in taking up this position! Please reach out to me if your meeting needs to be registered

Archives (Angela) Two area officers were at the Archives meeting and it was very exciting

Literature (Micheal M) (written) Plain Language Big Book will be available Nov 1 for \$11. New pamphlets coming out such as Black in AA coming out soon.

BTG (Joe T)

Beginners Mtg (Matt H) Attendance has been good and it's a blessing to see.

Web/Tech & Tech Committee (Jeff) We have a proposal coming up to separate these positions. Continue to express to your groups the News aspect of our website aanapa.org. Any suggestions we are responding to within 24 hours to update the website with any new information. We are training a new person to take over for this position.

Intergroup Liaison (Jason A) We are looking for a printed schedules chair to make sure they get out to meetings. We need Spanish speakers for the hotline. The newsletter coming up is about what service means to you so please share your stories to be included.

H&I Liaison

NAPYPAA Liaison (Derek) We have not had a meeting yet to discuss how our movie night went or what we want to do next but it went very well. We had myself as well as a guest speaker before the movie and then watched The Sandlot. We had a concession stand and provided popcorn with admission and thanks to Johnny A donating the space we netted some funds for whatever we do next. I had an informal talk with the events chair and he expressed interest in hosting an alcathon or the Halloween party if there was anything available.

(Jason A) Talk to Alex W because No Ma'am already signed up for the halloween party. We do need a host

for the Christmas alcahthon.

Unity Day (Meghan) (Sandy reporting) I got a written report while I was away and will screenshare now. It says don't be afraid to make the event your own. Have fun. Get speakers for the committees. Set a time for the Delegates speech. Meet regularly with your chairs. Communicate with Dar at Crosswalk as she is very friendly with us. Make sure to clean up well as they have rules about how it's done, take your own trash.

Guidelines: Voting members of District 11 are the District Officers, Chairpersons, and current GSR's/Alternate if GSR not present. During discussion, please wait to be recognized by the Chairperson. Remember all discussion should be direct to the chairperson. Please give only your own ideas and refrain from a debate or commenting on what other people have shared. We want all people to feel comfortable with their thoughts and ideas. Finally wait until all have had a chance to share before speaking again.

Housekeeping Motions: Housekeeping motions are simple in nature and usually do not set precedence for the District. There is no discussion, and they are accepted if no one disapproves of them, otherwise, it goes to New Business for the next DBM.

XVII. Housekeeping Motion: None

XVIII. Old Business: None

XIX. Presentation of New Business:

- **Motion:** That District 11 separate out the current committees of web and tech into two separate committees. [i.e. - *Presented by Jeff D, web/tech Chair*

When this position was created we were in COVID and just a website and managing Zoom. Since then it has evolved into managing the equipment for the hybrid and while doing the website as well is a daunting task and that is why we are separating them mirroring what Area is doing. Tech will set up Zoom for the hybrid District meeting and Web will manage aanapa.org.

XX. New Business: None

XXI. Discussion Items:

- District 11 having scholarships for PRAASA on a regular basis given the District has the financial means. Include as part of the Budget? Who? Requirement – person in need? How to distribute?

Duncan - I think that the consensus is that this is available, I think we could put together a sub committee to work on how to best give these scholarships.

Sandy - In this past these scholarships have been a below the line budget item as the only funding currently is for the DCMC

Jeff - Jackie, does your District do this and if so how?

Jackie - We funded a few of our officers as well as held an open scholarship that members could make themselves available which we decided by pulling from the hat.

Jeff - I think that while PRAASA is not required it is a really valuable spiritual experience for new service people

(Vote to continue discussion next meeting) Did not pass.

XXII. Area Committee and Assembly Motions: See attached Area Motions

XXIII. What's on your Mind?

XXIV. Close with the Responsibility Statement

